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## **SCHOLA CANTORUM ON HUDSON CAPS 15<sup>TH</sup> SEASON WITH CONCERT CELEBRATING LANDMARK PERIODS IN UNITED STATES HISTORY**

### ***Day Is Awaking* Choral Concerts in Ramsey, New Jersey and Manhattan**

**Jersey City, NJ** – *Schola Cantorum on Hudson* (SCH), the critically acclaimed choral ensemble based in the New York metropolitan area, presents a concert program of American works underscoring profound moments and landmark periods in United States history from the first half of the twentieth century to the present day. Musical selections represent America’s ever-present optimism, shining brightly through times of challenge and renewal. Highlights of the program include a performance of a *Project Encore*<sup>TM</sup> work “Free at Last.” SCH’s 2009-2010 Featured Composer Dr. Roger Wesby based the lyrics on Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech. Audiences will also hear Gershwin tunes, spirituals, and familiar folk songs such as Shawn Kirchner’s arrangement of the traditional Appalachian song “Bright Morning Stars” and Larry Farrow’s arrangement of “Turn the World Around.” Other composer/arrangers include Libby Larsen, Moses Hogan, Mark Hayes, and Alice Parker.

The concert, under the direction of Artistic Director and Founder Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, culminates the organization’s fifteenth anniversary season entitled “Celebrating Our American Stories.” Dr. King comments, “In times of greatest strife or difficulty, the people of this great nation have invariably succeeded in drawing upon reserves stronger than any challenge, thereby transforming adversity into opportunity for renewal. The music in this *Day Is Awaking* concert expresses that indefatigable spirit which forms the fabric of our culture.”

The concert will be performed at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, 15 Shuart Lane in Ramsey, New Jersey. The concert will be reprised at 8:00 p.m. on May 22, 2010, at St. John’s in the Village, 218 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, one block west of Seventh Avenue, in New York City. All tickets are priced at \$15 in honor of the organization’s fifteenth anniversary. Advance tickets may be purchased online at ScholaOnHudson.org, by email at BoxOffice@ScholaOnHudson.org, or by phone at (201) 918-3011. Groups interested in purchasing a block of ten or more tickets may email GroupSales@ScholaOnHudson.org for more information on special rates.

Additional information regarding the ensemble and its activities can be obtained online at ScholaOnHudson.org or by calling (201) 918-3011.